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FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: QATARI ARMED FORCES INTEREST IN TRAINING WITH MIDEASTFOR
AND OFFICER TRAINING IN US

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1. DURING APR 25 COURTESY CALL ON SHAYKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA
AL THANI, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF QATARI ARMED FORCES, BY COMIDEASTFOR
AND AMBASSADOR, HAMD RAISED POSSIBILITY OF QATARI SEA ARM'S
PARTICIPATING IN JOINT EXERCISES WITH MIDEASTFOR VESSELS AND
TRAINING OF SEA ARM PERSONNEL ON MIDEASTFOR VESSELS. (COMMENT:
WE HAVE BEEN MAKING OFFERS OF SUCH TRAINING TO HAMAD FOR ALMOST
TWO YEARS, AND HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY PUT OFF. END COMMENT).
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IN RESPONSE WE WELCOMED HAMAD'S INITIATION OF SUBJECT AND REMINDED
HIM OF OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS. WE DETERMINED THAT WE HAD HAMAD'S
APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AT THE
WORKING LEVEL, AND THIS WAS MADE CLEAR TO NEWLY APPOINTED SEA
ARM COMMANDER, COLONEL SALAH AL DIN AZZAB, WHO WAS PRESENT. IN
SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED UP WITH AZZAB WHO
SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH SHORTLY TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER.

2. HAMAD ALSO EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN US MILITARY TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE STATES FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "QATARI CADETS". HE INDICATED THAT QATARIS WERE DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS AT SANDHURST AND OTHER FACILITIES ABROAD AND ASKED WHAT US COULD OFFER.

3. COMMENT: RE PARA 1, IT SIGNIFICANT THAT HAMAD THIS TIME TOOK INITIATIVE ON TRAINING WITH MIDEASTFOR, AND WE SHALL FOLLOW-UP ON THIS HERE IN COORDINATION WITH MIDEASTFOR. RE PARA 2, HAMAD APPEARS TO BE THINKING ABOUT BOTH MILITARY ACADEMY TRAINING AND SHORTER-TERM OFFICER CANDIDATE TRAINING. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF LEGISLATION PERMITTING FOREIGNERS TO ENTER US MILITARY ACADEMIES. PLEASE ADVISE ALSO WHETHER US MILITARY OFFERS TRAINING FACILITIES OF OCS-TYPE FOR FOREIGNERS.
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